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§18–102.

(a) Subject to § 18–104 of this subtitle, to be appointed as a notary public, an individual must:

- (1) be at least 18 years old;
 - (2) be of good moral character and integrity;
 - (3)
 - (i) be a resident of the State; or
 - (ii) have a place of employment or practice in the State;
 - (4)
 - (i) beginning October 1, 2021, for an initial applicant, have completed the course and passed the examination offered under subsection (b) of this section; or
 - (ii) beginning October 1, 2021, for a renewal applicant, have completed the course offered under subsection (b) of this section;
 - (5) if living in the State, be a resident of the senatorial district from which appointed; and
 - (6) if living outside the State, be a resident of a state that allows Maryland residents working in that state to serve as notaries public in that state.
- (b)
 - (1) On or before October 1, 2021, subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary of State regularly shall offer a course of study and an examination that cover the laws, regulations, procedures, and ethics relevant to notarial acts.
 - (2) The course and examination may be offered through an entity approved by the Secretary of State.

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